

Council Offices,
Bimport,
Shaftesbury,
Dorset.

12th. June, 1946.

To :- The Chairman and Members of the
Sherborne Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the
Medical Officer of Health for the year 1945.

The Report is prepared, and will be circulated, in
accordance with the requirements of Article 17(5) of the
Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935, and
the Ministry of Health Circular 49/45.

Dr. G. Bodley Scott was your temporary Medical Officer
of Health during the year concerned. I am indebted to him and
to your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Sheppard, for the information
embodied in this Report. Mr. Collins ceased his duties as
Sanitary Inspector and Engineer during the year and Mr. H.
Sheppard succeeded him in July. The details given with regard
to the number of inspections carried out etc., only refer to
the part of the year during which Mr. Sheppard was Sanitary
Inspector.

Little comment is called for by me in respect to the
situation as revealed by the Report.

Comprehensive schemes for the provision of a Council's
Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes for the principle parishes
have already been prepared at your direction.

The routine sanitary work carried out during the year
was inadequate. This has now, however, been remedied by the
augmentation of the Sanitary Staff in the appointment of an
additional Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Griffiths, and the return
of Mr. Fudge from H.M. Forces during the current year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

W. E. Pearson

Medical Officer of Health.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

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A STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area - 41.481 Acres
Population (Registrar General) - Not yet available
Rateable Value - £23,513
Sum represented by a penny rate - £102. 4s. 5d.

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Not yet available

GENERAL SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Parishes	Pop. 1931 Census	Water Supply	Public or Private	Chlor. or Unchlor.	Sewage Arrangements
Batcombe	97	Part Main, SW & Springs	Part Public " Private	Unchlor.	N.S.S.I. mainly EC & Cess.
Beer Hackett	58	Part Main, remainder wells	Public YB Private	Chlor. Unchlor.	N.S.S.I. mainly EC
Bradford Abbas	348	S.W.	Private	Unchlor.	Cess. & EC.
Castleton	312	Part Terrace Part wells & Springs	Public UDC Private	Chlor. Unchlor.	N.S.S.I. mainly EC
Caundle Bishop	209	Main	Public RDC	Chlor.	N.S.S.I. mainly EC
Caundle Marsh	95				
Caundle Purse	148				
Chetnole	213	Main	Public YB	Chlor.	N.S.S.I. mainly EC some cess.
Clifton Maybank	69				
Folke	293	Main	Public RDC	Chlor.	N.S.S.I. mainly EC some cess.
Goathill	46				
Haydon	64				
Hermitage	52	Part Main " Private	Public RDC Private	Chlor. Unchlor.	N.S.S.I. mainly EC & few cess.
Hilfield	93	Main	Part Public Private	Chlor. Unchlor.	N.S.S.I. mainly EC
Holwell	342	Main	Public RDC	Chlor.	Few cess; mainly EC
Holnest	83	Main	Public RDC	Chlor.	Mainly EC
Leigh	330	Main	Public RDC	Unchlor.	N.S.S.I. mainly EC
Leweston	38	Main	Public RDC	Chlor.	N.S.S.I. mainly EC
Lillington	115	Piped	Private	Unchlor.	Mainly EC
Long Burton	241	Main	Public RDC	Chlor.	Partly sewered but mainly EC and Cess
Melbury Bubb	80	Main	Public YB	Chlor.	Mainly EC
Nether Compton	210	Mainly piped some wells	Private	Unchlor.	Mainly EC
North Wootton	55	Main	Public RDC	Chlor.	EC. and cess.
Oborne	97	Main piped supply	Private DCC	Unchlor.	N.S.S.I. mainly EC
Over Compton	98	Mainly piped few wells	Private	Unchlor.	N.S.S.I. mainly EC
Poyntington	100	Piped	Private	Unchlor.	Sewered

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B. GENERAL SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES continued....

Parishes	Pop.	Water Supply	Public or Private	Chlor. or Unchlor.	Sewage Annangements
Ryme Intrinsica	149	Main	Public YB	Chlor.	Mainly EC & Cess
Sandford Orcas	210	Main	Public RDC	Chlor.	N.S.S.I. mainly EC
Stockwood	36	Main	Public YB	Chlor.	Mainly EC
Thornford	311	Piped	Private	Unchlor.	Partly sewered mainly EC & Cess
Trent	352	Part Main " Private	Public RDC Private	Unchlor.	Partly sewered mainly EC & Cess
Yetminster	438	Main	Public YB	Chlor.	Partly sewered mainly EC & Cess

NOTES

RDC means Sherborne Rural District Council
YB " Yeovil Borough Water Supply
UDC " Sherborne Urban District Council
NSSI " No Sewage Scheme installed
SW " Shallow Wells
EC " Earth Closets incl. Pail Closets
Cess " Cesspools
DCC " Dorset County Council (Small Holdings)

C. WATER SUPPLIES

Supply	Public or Private	Chlor. or Unchlor.	Usual Bact. Condition
<u>YEOVIL BOROUGH COUNCIL</u>			
Chetnole	Public	Chlor.	Satisfactory
Clifton Maybank	"	"	"
Melbury Bubb	"	"	"
Ryme Intrinsica	" & wells & springs	Part unchlor.	Part Unsat.
Stockwood	"	Chlor.	Satisfactory
Yetminster	"	"	"
<u>SHERBORNE R.D.C.</u>			
Bishops Caundle & Holwell	Public	Chlor.	Satisfactory
Leigh & Part of Batcombe	"	"	"
Beer Hackett	" (Yeovil Borough)	"	"

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Supply	Public or Private	Chlor. or Unchlor.	Usual Bat. Condition
<u>Southern Parishes Scheme</u>			
Caundle Marsh	Public	Chlor.	Satisfactory
Caundle Purse	"	"	"
Folke	"	"	"
Goathill	"	"	"
Haydon	"	"	"
Hermitage (part)	"	"	"
Hilfield (part)	"	"	"
Holnest	"	"	"
Leweston	"	"	"
Long Burton	"	"	"
North Wootton	"	"	"
Trent (Adber) & Sandford Orcas	Public	Chlor.	Satisfactory
<u>SHERBORNE U.D.C. Castleton (part)</u>	Public (Terrace Supply)	Chlor.	Satisfactory
Batcombe (part)	Private & S.W.	Unchlor.	Not sampled
Bradford Abbas	Shallow wells	"	Unsatisfactory
Castleton (part)	Wells & Springs	"	Not sampled
Hermitage (part)	Private	"	Unsatisfactory
Hilfield (part)	" & S.W.	"	"
Lillington	" & S.W.	"	Not sampled
Nether Compton	"	"	Not sampled
Over Compton	" & S.W.	"	Not sampled
Oberne	"	"	Unsatisfactory
Poyntington	"	"	"
Thornford	"	"	"
Trent (part)	"	"	Not sampled

2. Works carried out during the year, or schemes contemplated by the Council.

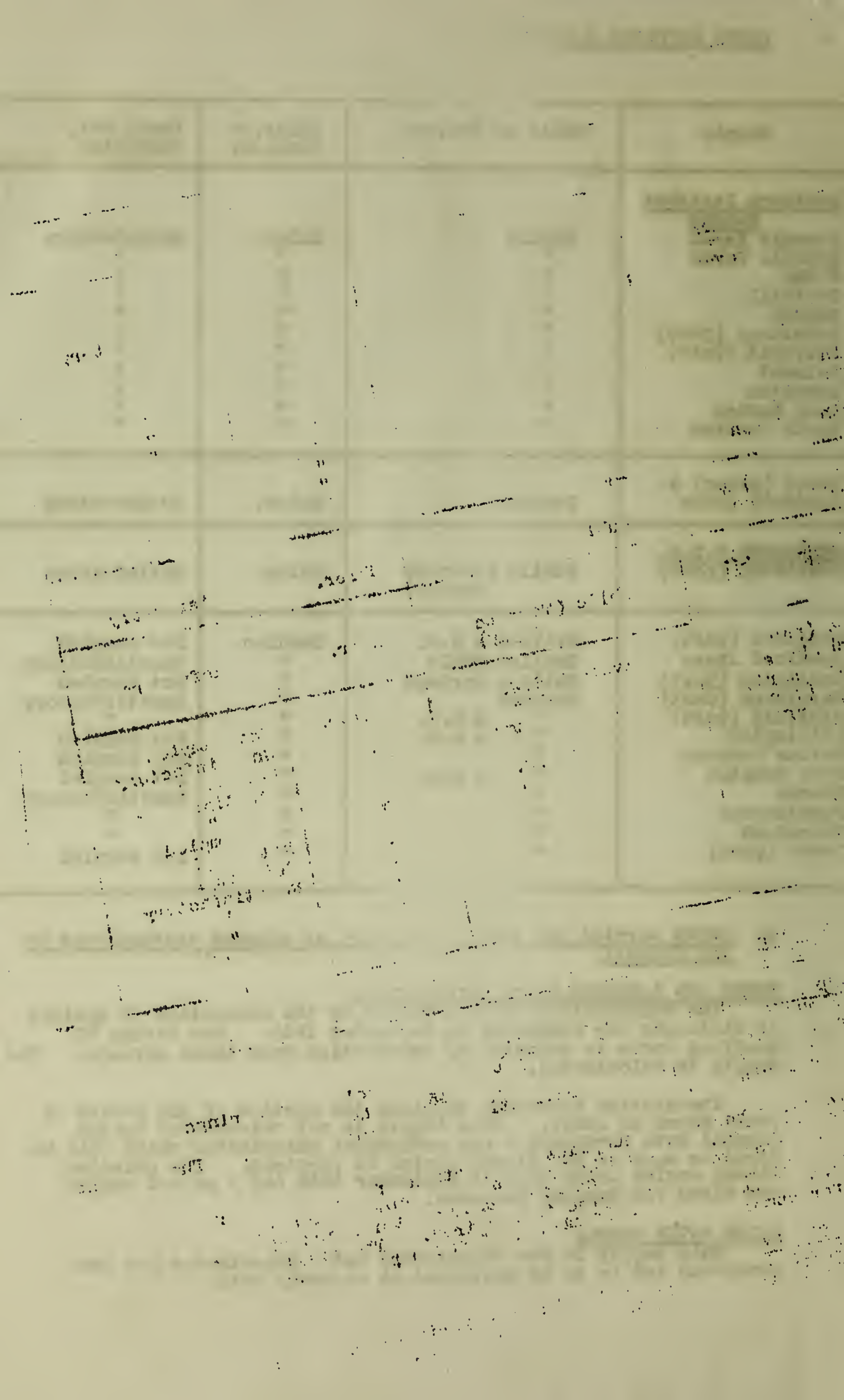
TRENT AND SANDFORD ORCAS WATER SUPPLY

The augmentation of this supply by the collection of springs at Clatcombe was completed in September 1945. The Parish of Sandford Orcas is supplied by gravitation from these springs. The supply is chlorinated.

The existing bore-hole supplies the portion of the Parish of Trent known as Adber. This supply is not chlorinated but the Council have purchased a new mechanical chlorinator which will be fixed as soon as the diesel engine is repaired. The existing diesel engine broke down in September 1945 and a petrol engine was hired for pumping purposes.

LEIGH WATER SUPPLY

This supply is not chlorinated but a chlorinator has been purchased and is to be installed at an early date.



C WATER SUPPLIES continued....

HOLWELL AND BISHOPS CAUNDLE WATER SUPPLY

The booster pump broke down in March 1945, and from August onwards it was necessary to haul water to certain houses in the village of Bishops Caundle which were supplied from the High Level Reservoir. Up to the 31st. December, 1945, the booster pump had not been repaired.

NORTHERN PARISHES SCHEME (Post War water supply development)

A preliminary Scheme has been prepared to provide a Councils supply to all the parishes in the area.

3. Particular remarks with regard to the purity and sufficiency of supplies

NETHER COMPTON

Complaints were received of the insufficiency of the private supply at Nether Compton.

TRENT Part-of

Complaints were received of the insufficiency of this private supply. Action was taken to increase the supply.

OBORNE

This village is mainly supplied with water from a private supply owned by the D.D.C.

41 samples have been taken since July 1942 and the results were :-

Satisfactory	- 18
Suspicious	- 18
Unsatisfactory	- 5

POYNTINGTON

This supply is from privately owned springs distributed by private mains repairable by the various property owners in agreed proportions.

5 samples have been taken of these supplies and the results were :-

Satisfactory	- 2
Suspicious	- 3

THORNFORD

The water for this supply outcrops in the Yeo Valley and is pumped by hydraulic ram to a water tower in the village from which it is distributed by mains to the houses and farms in the village.

The storage capacity is small (barely 1 day's supply.) The springs, rams, water tower and mains are privately owned by the Estate owner.

11 samples have been taken, results of which were :-

Highly satisfactory	- 2
Suspicious	- 9

This supply cannot be considered satisfactory.

D DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

(a) Sewerage Works owned by the Council

1. LONBURTON

Length of sewer 350 yards of 6", 120 yards of 9" terminating in a sedimentation tank, overflow discharging into stream. This latter is a purely temporary arrangement created to deal only with the dry-weather flow in the sewer. Part of the sewer is combined with the County Council storm-water drain.

D DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE continued....

2. POYNTINGTON

The whole of the village of Poyntington is sewered by 6" and 9" pipes, carried to small rectangular settling tanks, the effluent from which is dealt with by land irrigation and finally flows into the River Yeo.

3. YETMINSTER

600 yards of 6" sewer discharging into up-to-date settling tanks, the effluent from which is dealt with by a rotary distributor and filter which deals with the sewage from 26 Council Houses, but is of sufficient size to deal with the final development of the site which will contain 42 houses.

4. HOLWELL

The scheme to take the effluent from the existing septic tank at the Council Houses consists of 16' filter and humus chamber, dealing with the sewage effluent from the Council Housing Site.

(b) Particulars of works carried out during the year or schemes contemplated by the Council.

1. BRADFORD ABBAS

65 yards of 12" concrete pipes with manholes were laid to extend the existing sewers further away from the houses in the village.

2. OVER COMPTON

185 yards of 9" pipes with manholes were laid to convey road water and sewage from the village.

3. CONTEMPLATED SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES

Sewerage and sewage disposal schemes for the parishes of Bradford Abbas, Thornford, Yetminster, Osborne, Poyntington and Bihops Caundle, are under preparation.

E PUBLIC REFUSE (other than salvage collection)

A combined system of salvage and refuse collection is in operation over the whole of the district, monthly collection being made in each parish. Disposal is by controlled tipping.

A new refuse dump at Thornford is rented by the Council.

F FACTORY EFFLUENTS

No action taken during the year.

G RIVERS AND STREAMS - POLLUTION

Complaints were received of the unsatisfactory effluent from the settling tanks at Poyntington Sewage Works polluting the River Yeo. Investigations were made and additional work carried out.

H CESSPOOL CLEANSING

The Council are considering the question of cesspool emptying and quotations for a new pump and tank are being obtained.

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NO. OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR.

1. Total No. of Inspections (under all headings) - 373
 Total No. of Informal Notices served - 25
 Total No. of Informal Notices complied with - 23
 Total No. of Statutory Notices served - Nil
 Total No. of Statutory Notices complied with - Nil
2. No. of inspections carried out during the year under :-
 (a) Factories Act - Nil
 (b) Shops Act - Nil
3. No. of sanitary inspections of Schools - giving particulars of works or alterations effected as a result of notices served, formal or informal. - Nil.

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HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :-
 1 (a) No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under F.H. or Housing Acts) - 9
 (b) No. of inspections made for the purpose - 18
 2 (a) No. of dwelling houses (included under (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925) - 3
 (b) No. of inspections made for the purpose - 7
 3 No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation - 2
 4 No. of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub.head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation - 7
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices.
 No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the LA or their Officers - 7
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :-
 (a) Proceedings under Sections 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-
 (1) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs - Nil
 (2) No. of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :-
 (a) By owners - Nil
 (b) By LA in default of owners - Nil

J HOUSING continued....

(b) <u>Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :-</u>	
(1) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	- Nil
(2) No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(a) By owners	- Nil
(b) By LA in default of owners	- Nil
(c) <u>Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.</u>	
(1) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	- Nil
(2) No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	- Nil
(d) <u>Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.</u>	
(1) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	- Nil
(2) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	- Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part V - Overcrowding :-

(a)(i) No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	- 1
(b) No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	- 1
(c)(i) No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	- Nil
(ii) No. of persons concerned in such cases	- 9
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.	- Nil

5. No. of houses inspected for use in connection with Evacuation	- 12
No. of inspections made	- 19
No. of properties requisitioned by the Council for evacuees	- 23

K INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) <u>Milk supply</u>	
No. of persons on the register at the end of 1945	- 274
No. of Dairy Farms and other Dairy premises on the register at the end of 1945	- 274
No. of Dairy Farms inspected during 1945	- 110
No. of inspections	- 15
No. of Notices served	- 2
No. of Notices complied with	- 2
No. of Milkshops inspected during 1945	- Nil
No. of inspections	- Nil
No. of Notices served	- Nil
No. complied with	- Nil

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(b)

No. of Post-mortem examinations

order

Nil

Carcasses Inspected and condemned.

Meat Inspection

Meat Inspections your Sanitary Inspector carries out at the Crown Slaughter -houses in the Sherborne U.D.C. as Assistant Meat and Other Foods Inspector to that Council.

Number of Inspections carried out at :-

(a) Premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream or prepared meals etc. - N

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Nil

(b) Food premises (otherwise subject to the Food and Drugs Act, 1938)

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Nil

(c) No. of Notices served

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Nil

(d) No. of Notices complied with

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE

No. of visits of investigation carried out on cases of infectious disease during the year	-	3
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No. of disinfections (of house or contents) carried out on cases of infectious disease during the year-	3
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PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	-	-
Lobar Pneumonia	1	1	-
Measles	17	-	-
Scarlet Fever	4	2	-
Whooping Cough	11	-	-

Tuberculosis

New Cases

Deaths

<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory</u>
2	1	4	1

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DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

	<u>Under 5</u>	<u>Over 5</u>
Total No. of children who completed course of treatment during the year	29	1
Estimated percentage of children protected at 30th. June, 1945	58%	88%

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